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**California Historical Resources Information System
Native American Tribal Access Policy Issues**

The California Office of Historic Preservation will hold a series of public meetings to gather information from Tribes concerning the adoption of a policy for Native American access to information managed by the regional Information Centers of the California Historical Resources Information System. At the meetings, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) would like to discuss the following issues and any others that are relevant to developing a clear, uniform policy:

1. Should the Tribal Access Policy apply only to California Native American Tribes and their governing Tribal Councils and official representatives; or should it also apply to Native American individuals not directly representing tribal governments;
2. In identifying Tribes and/or individuals to whom this access policy will apply, what list(s) should be used (e.g., the NAHC SB18 Tribal Consultation List and/or other lists);
3. What documentation should be used to verify who is authorized to access data on behalf of a Tribe;
4. Should access for individual Tribes and/or persons be limited to defined regions, and, if so, what data should be used to determine these regions;
5. What provisions should be included in the access policy to maintain appropriate security of, and access to, confidential (i.e., archaeological and/or tribally sensitive) information provided under this policy;
6. What type of coordination should occur between Tribes, the CHRIS, and other parties to clearly communicate and address tribal concerns about maintenance of and access to sensitive information that is maintained in the CHRIS Inventory;
7. What fees should be charged for accessing the CHRIS inventory (through either Information Center staff-conducted records searches or in-house records searches conducted by authorized representatives of tribal governments or individual tribal members)?